

Questions

3. (A) Atlantic Region (Excluding Newfoundland)

	Year 1950	Year 1954
(a) Number of steam locomotives sent to Moncton shops for No. 3 repairs.....	60	64
(b) Elsewhere: Riviere du Loup.....	25	Nil

In 1954 five engines were transferred to the Central region for use in that territory. These engines were given No. 3 general repairs before being put into service. Five other engines were transferred and given lighter repairs before going into service in the Central region (see also answer to No. 1 (B)).

(B) Atlantic Region (Including Newfoundland)

	Year 1950	Year 1954
Number of steam locomotives retired from service.....	16	51

4. Atlantic Region (Including Newfoundland)

Total number available for service	1950		1954	
	Steam	Diesel	Steam	Diesel
Total.....	424	34	331	140
Less: Removed from service.....	7	—	—	—
Stored unserviceable.....	—	—	6	—
Waiting repairs.....	26	—	94	—
Under repairs.....	28	—	12	1
Number available.....	363	34	219	139

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	Road	Switcher
Diesel units planned for Atlantic region—1955.....	33	3

6. Steam locomotives scheduled to be retired in 1955—72.

DISABLED PERSONS ACT—B.C. PROTESTS

Mr. Fairey:

1. Has the minister of health and welfare for British Columbia protested the regulations passed under the provisions of the Disabled Persons Act?
2. If so, to whom has the minister directed such protests?
3. What was the nature of the protests?

Mr. Robertson:

1, 2, and 3. There is no record of any correspondence having been received from the minister of health and welfare or any other member or official of the government of British Columbia, containing any comment, criticism or complaint about the

regulations passed under the Disabled Persons Act. There is no record of any letter having been received from the minister of health and welfare containing any reference whatsoever to the said regulations, either before or after they had been approved.

The minister of health and welfare for British Columbia attended a conference of provincial ministers and officials, called by the federal government in January, 1954, to discuss the main outlines of the proposed federal disability allowances legislation. The minutes of this meeting reveal only two comments offered by the minister of health